New Railway Lines.

Q.—111. Srimathi B. L. SUBBAMMA (Chikmagalur-Mudigere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Central Government, while undertaking the construction of new railway lines, have asked the State Governments to intimate the lines required for the State ;

(*b*) if so, the railway lines recommended by the State Government ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1. Hassan-Mangalore Railway Line.
2. Chamarajanagar-Sathyamangalam.
3. Chitaldrug-Rayadrug, and
4. Kadur-Chikmagalur-Mangalore.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) Employees in the Electric Department (aftermath of strike.)

1 P.M.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri S. Gopala Gowda has given notice of a motion for adjournment of the business of the House as follows :—

"This Assembly do now stand adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance to wit: the situation arising out of the refusal of the Electrical Department to take in a large number of employees on duty and the indiscriminate and vindictive transfers of the employees of the same department after the ending of the strike."

As Hon'ble Members are aware, a number of rulings given in past sessions in this Assembly has laid down clearly that when an ordinary Parliamentary opportunity will occur shortly or in time, an adjournment motion has to be disallowed as wanting in urgency. We are not alone in such a view but are merely following precedents laid down in other Legislatures also. The reason for such a point of view is that there would be no need to interrupt appointed business when the subject matter of adjournment motion could be debated within the limits of such appointed business whether immediately or in time. Hon'ble Members have such opportunity during the debate on the Motion of Thanks and later during general debate on the Budget.

Hon'ble Members will appreciate that the objection to admissibility is on the ground of want of "urgency." It does not matter that the matter is of public importance. A matter may be of great public importance but it may be still inadmissible for want of urgency.

For these reasons I hold that the motion is not admissible.

I may add that a detailed ruling about adjournment motions in general was given on 11th March 1953 and extract from a ruling of the Speaker of Parliament in 1950 was also circulated. I shall however get another statement prepared and circulated among members shortly.

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(2) Mass evictions of Tenants in Shimoga District.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri S. Gopala Gowda and Sri Mulka Govinda Reddy have given notice of an adjournment motion as follows :—

"This Assembly do now stand adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance to wit : the situation arising out of the mass evictions of tenants that are being resorted to by the landlords in Shimoga District."

For the reasons I have given in respect of an adjournment motion I disallowed earlier, I must hold that this adjournment motion is also not admissible There is further this objection that there is nothing to indicate when this "emergency" if any, arose, what is the extent of evictions, and how the matter is of public importance. I hold therefore that this motion is also out of order.

MESSAGE FROM RAJPRAMUKH.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received the following message from His Highness the Rajpramukh:

"In pursuance of Clause 1 of Article 205(1) of the Constitution of India, I, Jaya Chamaraja Wadiyar, Rajpramukh of Mysore, do hereby direct that the statement showing the grants aggregating to the amount indicated hereunder and detailed in the statement of Estimates annexed, be laid before the House of the Legislature (February-March 1955 Session)

		Rs.
Votes		
Expenditure met from Revenue	...	63,79,348
Capital outlay not met from revenue.	...	4,62,000
Charged		
Expenditure met from Revenue	...	15,18,705
Grand total	...	83,60,053

JAYA CHAMARAJA WADIYAR,
Rajpramukh of Mysore."

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

Schedule of Demands for Additional Grants 1954-55.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—Sir, I beg to lay on the Table of the House the Schedule of Demands for Additional Grants for the year 1954-55, that is item (*b*) in the programme. Regarding (*a*), I am doing it tomorrow.

STATEMENT MADE BY THE CHIEF MINISTER WHILE PLACING THE DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1954-55.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—With your kind permission, Sir,

In placing the Supplementary Estimates for the consideration of the House, I wish to make the following statement.

2. The Legislature at its last Session held in October 1954 voted supplementry grants for Rs. 113·18 lakhs under the Voted Section and Rs. 0·11 lakhs under the Charged Section. As the Honourable Members are aware, these grants were required for accelerating the execution of major irrigation and power projects and other development schemes such as (i) constructing a Reservoir across Nugu, (ii) constructing a Masonry Anicut across the Bhadra and (iii) Power supply to Irrigation pumps for which additional assistance from the Central Government had been secured. I am happy to inform the House that appreciable progress has been made on the projects and works for which additional grants were voted by the Legislature.

3. The supplementary estimates, I am now placing before you, are for a sum of Rs. 68·41 lakhs in the voted section and of Rs. 15·19 lakhs in the charged section. Though the latter is not subject to the vote of the Legislature, it has been included in the Supplementary Estimates in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

4. As regards charged items, the sum of Rs. 14·93 lakhs included in the Demand No. 26 represents the amount of interest on the capital of Government Industrial Concerns. Provision for this was till now being made in the voted section of the Budget under the Major Head '43 Industries and Supplies.' The provision will henceforth be made in the charged section under the same Major Head in accordance with the classification suggested by the Accountant General, Mysore. Accordingly, the amount provided for in the voted section will be transferred to the charged section and the provision already made under the former treated as surrendered. The demand will not, therefore, affect our financial resources or involve out-go of cash.

5. In the voted section, comprising the rest of the demands, the need for additional grants is set out in the explanatory note appended to each of the demands. In none of these cases the expenditure could have been foreseen when the Budget for the current